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Court Bans Teen Executions

Ruling spares juvenile murderers including sniper Malvo

WASHINGTON | A closely divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that it's unconstitutional to execute juvenile killers, ending a practice in 19 states that has been roundly condemned by many of America's closest allies.

The 5-4 decision throws out the death sentences of 72 murderers who were under 18 when they killed and bars states from seeking to execute minors for future crimes.

The executions, the court said, violate the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and

unusual punishment.

"The age of 18 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood. It is, we conclude, the age at which the line for death eligibility ought to rest," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote.

The ruling prevents states from making 16- and 17-year-olds eligible for execution. It continues the court's practice of narrowing the scope of the death penalty, which justices reinstated in 1976.



Malvo

Prince William County officials said Tuesday they will not prosecute a murder case there against teen sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, who is already serving life in prison in two of the 10 sniper killings that terrorized the region in 2002.

Prosecutor Paul Ebert had hoped to get the death penalty for Malvo, who was 17 at the time of the killings, but said another trial would now be an unnecessary expense. HOPE YEN (AP)

THE NATIONALS | DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH



BASIC TRAINING: Outfielder Endy Chavez practices base running at spring training on Tuesday. The Nationals play their first exhibition game today. ♦ **First look:** Ex-Expos vs. the Mets | Page 12

Supremacists Eyed in Killing Of Judge's Kin

CHICAGO | A federal judge who was once the target of a failed murder plot by a white supremacist was under marshals' protection Tuesday following the shooting deaths of her husband and 89-year-old mother, and investigators were looking into possible connections to hate groups, among other leads.

U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow found the bodies of Michael F. Lefkow, 65, and her mother, Donna Humphrey, when she returned home from work Monday evening, according to authorities and friends.

White supremacist Matthew Hale, 33, who was convicted in April 2004 of soliciting an undercover FBI informant to kill Lefkow, is awaiting sentencing on murder solicitation and obstruction of justice.

Authorities acknowledged the possibility that hate groups could be involved in the killings but cautioned against early conclusions. DON BABWIN (AP)

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THE FUTURE | Not Seeing Is Believing University of Pennsylvania scientists say they've developed a theoretical way to render objects invisible, the journal Nature reported. A "plasma shield" (it's complicated) would prevent light from bouncing



off an object's surface. Only microscopic objects could be hidden in visible light, but larger stuff could be concealed from long-wavelength radiation. One conceivable use: cloaking a spaceship from a microwave telescope. Shields up! (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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FROZEN

Symphony on Ice

A Taos, N.M., sculptor who created an entire orchestra of instruments from ice canceled his show in Piteaa, Sweden, at the last minute Sunday, saying he didn't like the sound of the musicians warming up. Organizers contended that

artist Tim Linhart called it off because he didn't think the musicians were good enough at playing his creations, which include clarinets, trumpets, guitars, cellos. That caused heated tempers among some guests in the 100-seat igloo concert hall. "It was an insult to our city," said Christer Wiklund, head of the city's music school. (AP)

TRANSIT

The Not-So-Great Train Robbery

A man arrested repeatedly for pretending to be a transit worker in New York pleaded guilty Thursday to trying to steal a locomotive, prosecutors said. In June, Darius McCollum, 39, went to a Long Island Rail Road yard, posed as a safety consultant and asked how to operate a new type of engine that had just been delivered, officials said. McCollum later was found with

stolen keys, including one that operated the new train. McCollum has been arrested 20 times for posing as a subway motorman, bus driver or transit token-taker; he was on parole when arrested in June. (AP)



YURIKONAKAO/REUTERS

CELEBRITIES

Ready for Primate-Time

Japan's famed performing monkey, Jiro, sported fine formal wear Tuesday at a Shinto-style ceremony in Tokyo to officially succeed his predecessor, Reuters reported. The previous Jiro, who died in 2003, was well-known for his "Bushusuru" ("doing a Bush") act: After swaying from side to side, Jiro would imitate President George H.W. Bush's 1992 vomiting on Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. (EXPRESS)

HABIT

It'll Never Happen Again, Your Honor

Police in Spokane, Wash., found a

man passed out in a car Monday with a beer can in his lap and several empties on the floor. The officer awakened the driver, who identified himself as a 44-year-old from Tacoma, Wash. He

said he was driving to Idaho, where he was due to appear in court on a charge of driving under the influence. Instead of completing the trip, he was taken to jail. (AP)

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SHIFTING GEARS: Kraft Foods Inc. said Friday it would stop making Gummi candy shaped like roadkill — complete with tire treads — after an outcry by New Jersey animal rights activists who said the candy encouraged children to be cruel to animals.



Nation

Revenge Plot Probed in Ill. Slayings

Judge's link to hate groups 'one facet' of double-murder inquiry

CHICAGO | Authorities said Tuesday they are investigating whether the shooting deaths of a federal judge's husband and her frail, 89-year-old mother were the work of white supremacists out for revenge.



Joan Lefkow

The killings came a month before white supremacist Matthew Hale was scheduled to be sentenced for trying to have the judge, Joan Humphrey Lefkow, killed over her handling of a trademark dispute involving his hate group.

Police said they were looking at the possibility the crime was committed by hate groups but cautioned that it was "but one facet of our investigation." Still, from the



CRIME SCENE: Investigators search trash cans at Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow's home in Chicago on Tuesday as they probe the deaths of her husband and mother.

federal courthouse to the family's neighborhood, the talk was about Lefkow's involvement in the white supremacist case.

Hale's father, Russell Hale, dismissed the notion that his son may have been involved in the slayings, saying he is under constant surveillance by authorities.

During Hale's murder-plot trial, prosecutors contended that he was furious when Lefkow ordered him to stop using the name World Church of the Creator because it had been trademarked by an Oregon religious group that has no ties to Hale.

By Tuesday morning, news articles of the killings had been posted on white supremacist Web sites, along with "RAHOWA!," meaning "racial holy war."

As recently as last year, authorities took the murder plot seriously enough that they briefly provided Lefkow with protection and Chicago police stepped up patrols of her neighborhood. DON BABWIN (AP)



Serial murder suspect Dennis Rader makes a court appearance via video.

Kan. BTK Suspect Charged

WICHITA, KAN. | Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man and Cub Scout leader accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged Tuesday with 10 counts of first-degree murder.

Rader made his first court appearance by videoconference from his jail cell. During the brief hearing, Rader stood behind a podium, his hands folded at times, at others leafing through a copy of the charges against him. Accompanied by a temporary attorney, he told the judge he is married and was employed with the city of Park City, and said "Thank you, sir" at the end of the hearing.

The BTK killer, whose nickname stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill," was suspected of eight deaths beginning in 1974, but authorities said they had linked two additional victims to the serial killer. DAVID TWIDDY (AP)

FBI Agent Cites Abu Ali's Terror Ties

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A Virginia man accused of joining al Qaeda and plotting to assassinate President Bush also considered a variety of potential terrorist acts including assassinations of congressmen and hijackings similar to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, an FBI agent testified Tuesday.

The testimony came at a pretrial hearing in federal court at which

a magistrate judge ordered that Ahmed Omar Abu Ali remain jailed pending trial.

Abu Ali, 23, was charged last week with providing support to al Qaeda and conspiring to assassinate the president. Authorities allege that Abu



Abu Ali

Ali, who grew up in Falls Church, Va., joined al Qaeda while studying overseas in Saudi Arabia.

FBI special agent Barry Cole testified that Abu Ali admitted multiple times that he joined al Qaeda and discussed potential terrorist acts, including a plan to assassinate President Bush. Other plans included hijacking planes in Great Britain and Australia and using them as missiles to attack targets in the United States. (AP)

HEARSAY | SENIORS

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MATH LESSON: Students in Berkeley, Calif., are getting no written homework as teachers there refuse to grade work on their own time after two years without a pay raise. The protest has cancelled a black history event and left parents to staff a middle school science fair.

Bush Pushes Faith-Based Initiative

President renews pledge to let religious groups vie for funding

WASHINGTON | President Bush, brushing off critics who say he's pushed his faith-based initiative for political gains, reaffirmed his commitment to letting religious groups compete for government money so long as they help anybody in need.

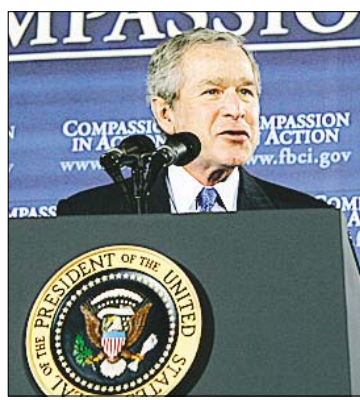
Speaking to more than 250 religious leaders invited by the White

House, Bush vented his frustration that Congress has not approved the idea he first offered soon after he took office to let religious charities spend taxpayer money.

In a speech at a Washington hotel, Bush took on what he described as a government culture "unfriendly" to religious groups.

"Charitable choice is something I've supported every year, and every year it's got stuck," Bush said.

Bypassing Congress, Bush has used executive orders and regulations to give religious organiza-



President Bush discusses his faith-based initiative agenda in Washington. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

tions equal footing with nonsectarian groups in competing for federal contracts.

Bush's speech appeared to be designed partly to respond to critics who say he has promoted his initiative for political gain. Last month, David Kuo, former deputy director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, charged that the plan is popular with religious leaders. But Kuo said the White House has not been committed to ending the stalemate in Congress. NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Gonzales Defends Detention Of 'Dirty Bomb' Suspect

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Tuesday defended the Bush administration's detention of Jose Padilla, following a judge's ruling that the "dirty bomb" suspect must be charged with a crime or freed. While lawmakers urged compliance with Monday's ruling, Gonzales said the Supreme Court has upheld the proposition that the government can hold someone it declares an enemy combatant "for the duration of the hostilities." (AP)

Jackson Jurors Watch Documentary

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | Jurors in the Michael Jackson child molestation trial Tuesday watched the TV documentary that sparked the case, seeing the pop star hold hands with his accuser and talk about hosting sleepovers with children at his Neverland Ranch.

The documentary "Living With Michael Jackson" was shown after

defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. finished an opening statement in which he suggested the entertainer may testify and said authorities found no DNA evidence in the entertainer's bedroom to support the charges.



Jackson

Prosecutors say Jackson plied his accuser, then a 13-year-old cancer survivor, with alcohol and showed him sexually explicit images before molesting him at Neverland.

Jurors watched the documentary after prosecutors called its maker, British journalist Martin Bashir, to the stand. The documentary, taped in 2002, led to the investigation that ultimately resulted in the charges against Jackson. (AP)

WINTER | PICASSOS



BUFFIE BOYER/THE SENTINEL/AP

SNOW DAY: Chad Karschner helps Justin Davis put final touches on a snowman in Milroy, Pa., Tuesday after snow blanketed much of the Northeast.

WASHINGTON

Groups Name Rumsfeld in Lawsuit on Detainee Torture

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is responsible for torture and abuse of prisoners held by the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan and should compensate the victims, a lawsuit contended Tuesday. The suit was filed on behalf of four prisoners who were never charged with crimes and have been released, according to officials at the groups that filed the suit, the American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights First. (AP)

HOMOSASSA, FLA.

Clues Scarce as Search Narrows for Missing Girl

Search teams with bloodhounds began combing the area immediately surrounding the home of a missing 9-year-old girl for clues Tuesday, a day after a broader search of the area was suspended. Investigators had turned up "no leads, no information" after five days of searching for Jessica Marie Lunsford, who disappeared Thursday, Gov. Jeb Bush said Tuesday in Tallahassee. (AP)



Searchers focused on the area around a missing Homosassa, Fla., girl's home. CHRIS MERRITT/AP

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Town Hall: On Town Meeting Day, a venerable New England tradition, voters in 52 Vermont towns took part in a referendum on U.S. involvement in Iraq. | *A Section*

Private Eyes: Figuring their kids are better off annoyed than dead, parents are taking new measures to stop teen car crashes. | *Page A1*

On Stage: The Kennedy Center plans to host two unusual groups next season: Chinese performers and country singers. | *Style*

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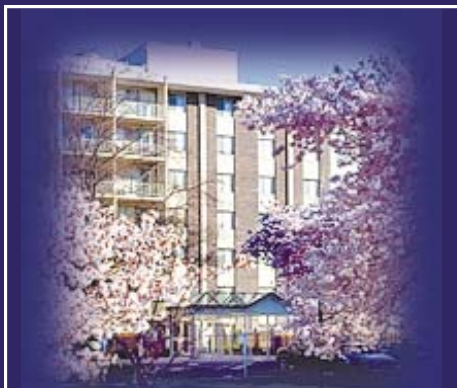
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The number of hours of sleep the average politician gets per night, a survey by the U.K.-based Sleep Council found. On-call hospital doctors, who get 4.5 hours, got the least sleep; attorneys got the most, with 7.8 hours, the BBC reported.

U.S. Ratchets Up Pressure on Syria

Rice tells Damascus to remove troops from Lebanon immediately

LONDON | The United States called for an immediate end to Syrian military and political dominion over Lebanon on Tuesday, applying its strongest pressure to date.

"The Syrians are out of step with where the region is going and out of step with the aspirations of the people of the Middle East," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said. She was speaking to reporters after an international conference on Palestinian security in London.

Rice said there was gathering international resolve that Syria must pull out of Lebanon and allow the Lebanese to choose their own political future. That choice must be independent of "contaminating influences," she said. "I think it's one of the strongest statements in a long time about what needs to happen in Lebanon," Rice said.

At a press conference with French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, Rice said their two countries would support the scheduled election in Lebanon, perhaps by



REVOLT: Opposition supporters wave a Lebanese flag in celebration a day after Lebanon's pro-Syrian government resigned.

sending observers and monitors.

She also suggested international peacekeepers might be needed eventually and could help secure democracy for the Lebanese if the Syrians withdraw their thousands of troops and security forces.

The United States pulled its

ambassador from Damascus last month in protest over the assassination of a leading Lebanese politician. The Bush administration did not blame Syria outright for Rafik

Hariri's killing. But the deadly bombing that killed him in Beirut on Feb. 14 set off a popular uprising against Syria, which keeps about 15,000 troops in Lebanon. ANNE GEARAN (AP)



After the victory: Lebanon's opposition movement, flush with success, turns attention to deepening popular uprising against Syria | Today's Post: Section A

In Brief

MEXICO

27 Police Officers Charged in Connection With Drug Ring

Prosecutors charged 27 state, federal and local police in Cancun with running a drug ring or aiding in the murder of fellow officers, busting one of Mexico's largest police-protection rackets. Eight were charged with homicide or being accessories to homicide. Officials said they identified and gave drug gunmen information about three federal agents whose bodies were found near Cancun on Nov. 25. (AP)

VATICAN CITY

In Sign of Recovery, Pope Speaks to Vatican Official

Pope John Paul II managed to speak in two languages with a top Vatican official Tuesday, the first clear sign he was regaining his voice after throat surgery. The meeting with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger reinforced Vatican statements that the pope was making strides in vocal and respiratory therapy less than a week after receiving a breathing tube. (AP)



John Paul II

Zarqawi Group Claims Hillah Bombing

HILLAH, IRAQ | Thousands of Iraqis protested Tuesday outside a medical clinic where a suicide car bomber killed 125 people a day earlier, braving the threat of another attack as they condemned foreign fighters and chanted "No to terrorism!"

Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's terror group, which has repeatedly seized foreigners and attacked Americans, purportedly claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing in Hillah. It was not possible to independently

verify the claim, which was posted on the Internet.

The group said it targeted recruits for the Iraqi security services, whom it referred to as "apostates," but did not mention those killed in a nearby market.

Jordanian-born al-Zarqawi is believed to be one of the masterminds behind the insurgency and thought responsible for a relentless wave of bombings, beheadings and other attacks. QASIM ABDUL-ZAHRA (AP)



Iraqis braved the threat of a new attack to protest Monday's bombing in Hillah.

EU, U.S. Commit \$680M to Assist Palestinian Efforts

LONDON | At an international meeting Tuesday to help the Palestinian leaders prepare for statehood, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the world would back President Mahmoud Abbas' efforts to rein in militants and build a lawful government and healthy institutions.

The effect of the one-day meeting, attended by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, was to give the Palestinians a feeling they are no longer isolated, said Abbas.

While the meeting was not intended to raise money, Blair said the European Union had committed \$330 million and the United States another \$350 million to support the Palestinians in their efforts to reform their administration. (L.A. TIMES)

Congo Nabs 3 in Peacekeeper Deaths

KINSHASA, CONGO | Government forces arrested a militia commander and two army generals Tuesday in connection with the slayings of nine U.N. peacekeepers in northeastern Congo, a U.N. spokesman said.

Police arrested Floribert Ndjabu, who heads the militia suspected of ambushing the peacekeepers on Feb. 25 in Ituri province, said U.N. spokesman Kemal Saiki. Saiki said police also arrested Gen. Germain

Katanga and Gen. Goda Sukpa, former militia commanders under Ndjabu who were given their army posts in January as part of a power-sharing agreement to end Congo's devastating 1998-2002 war.

Reached by telephone, Ndjabu said he was innocent. (AP)

NEPAL

48 Communist Rebels Killed

Soldiers killed at least 48 communist rebels and suffered four deaths themselves in a battle in the country's southwest, officials said Tuesday. It was the fiercest clash since King Gyanendra took over power Feb. 1, suspending civil liberties and promising to take care of the rebel problem. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Child Poverty in U.S. Among Worst in Developed World

Nordic countries have the lowest levels of child poverty in the developed world, according to a report released Tuesday by the U.N. Children's Fund. The United States and Mexico had the worst rates of child poverty in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. At least one-fifth of U.S. and Mexican children live below the national poverty line, according to the study. (AP)

GROUNDING: Romanian officials on Tuesday fined the state-owned airline, TAROM, \$180 for illegally excluding gays from a Valentine's Day sale for couples. The nation's main gay rights group called the fine "ridiculously small."



World

Latin America's New 'Leftist'

Uruguay adds to the continent's leftward tilt as Vazquez is sworn in

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY | A doctor took office as Uruguay's first socialist president Tuesday, joining the ranks of left-leaning leaders in Latin America — now six in all — governing a majority of the region's people with a cautious approach to U.S.-backed free-market policies.

Thousands of Uruguayans filled Montevideo's streets for the inauguration of Tabare Vazquez, a 65-year-old cancer specialist whose swearing-in ended more than 170 years of control by two moderate parties.

Vazquez, elected Oct. 31 to replace Jorge Batlle, is part of a reinvigorated — but far less ideological — leftist movement in Latin America whose leaders have come to power amid economic turmoil. He took the oath of office for his five-year term with many of South America's leftist leaders looking on, including Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Argentina's Nestor Kirchner and Chile's Ricardo Lagos.

Uruguay, long one of Latin America's most stable economies, is climbing out of a 2002 depres-



Tabare Vazquez, left, waves to a crowd in Montevideo after being sworn in Tuesday.

sion in which the economy shrank by 11 percent. The upheaval left one of every three Uruguayans below the poverty line.

During the campaign, Vazquez pledged to help the poor, and his message resonated with voters increasingly skeptical of free-market policies being touted by Washington as the remedy for the region's economic ills. Over the last decade, many South American coun-

tries adopted free-market reforms, opening their economies and privatizing state industries, only to see their economies slow to a grind.

Most analysts say the new leftists — with the exception of the more populist Hugo Chavez of Venezuela — are seeking to balance social welfare and a greater role for the state with pro-market economic policies in a mold akin to Europe's Social Democrats. KEVIN GRAY (AP)

Roh Presses Japan to Pay WWII Reparations

S. Korean leader prods Tokyo to make amends for wartime abuses

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | If Japan is angered by North Korea's kidnapping of its citizens, it should also provide compensation for thousands of Koreans who were forced into labor or sexual slavery for Japan's World War II army, South Korea's president said Tuesday.

President Roh Moo-hyun is the first South Korean leader to call for reparations from Japan in recent years. Previously, South Korea shied away from the issue because the two countries officially settled all com-

pensation claims when they established diplomatic ties in 1965.

"Japan must make the truth of the past known and offer sincere apologies and, if necessary, pay compensation. Only then can



Roh

we be reconciled," Roh said in a televised speech marking the anniversary of a 1919 uprising against Japanese colonialists. Japan ruled the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

Roh didn't elaborate on how the reparations could be sought, but indicated that Japan should act voluntarily. SANG-HUN CHOE (AP)

France Becomes Asylum-Seekers' No. 1 Destination

GENEVA | France supplanted the United States as the top destination for people seeking asylum in industrialized nations last year, while the flow of refugees dropped to levels unseen since the late 1980s, a United Nations report said Tuesday.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees attributed the decline in asylum applications filed in North America and Europe to a drying up of the flow of refugees out of Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo.

But France bucked the trend, rising 3 percent to 61,600 applications from the previous year's 59,770. The United States, which received the most applications in 2003 with 73,780 refugees, had 52,360. (AP)



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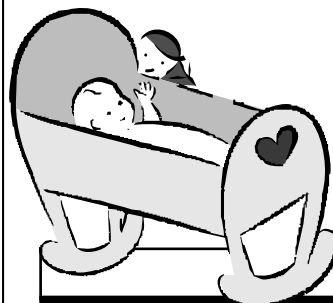
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Money



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Student's Do-It-Yourself Dog Wash Is Cleaning Up

FREDERICK, MD. | Anshul Gupta says his do-it-yourself dog wash "is starting to catch on."

Gupta, 29, a graduate student at Hood College, opened The Dawg Wash in Frederick about two months ago. Initially, "people don't know what it is," he said. But "customers who have come in to check it out now come back every week."

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"This is real fun. It doesn't feel like real work," Gupta said. DICKSON

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Qwest Touts Bid For MCI

Execs put pressure on company to discuss \$8B takeover proposal

NEW YORK | Qwest executives made a direct appeal to MCI investors Tuesday as a way of pressuring the long distance provider to scrap a lower-priced deal with Verizon and reconsider its spurned \$8 billion bid.

Officials at the Denver-based Baby Bell argue that their plan will generate more than \$10 billion in cost savings, largely through the elimination of up to 15,000 jobs, and expressed frustration that MCI has refused to discuss the offer.

"We haven't heard anything from them since the Thursday before the Super Bowl," Qwest Chief Executive Dick Notebaert told Qwest and MCI investors in New York.

Notebaert signaled that Qwest might be willing to sweeten its bid. After Qwest submitted a revised bid last week, MCI said its board would evaluate the offer, but stood by the \$6.7 billion Verizon deal as a more promising and safer option for shareholders. MCI officials declined further comment. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
PaylShoe	14.68	+2.96	+25.3
StarGsSr	2.52	+4.6	+22.3
CtlAir B	12.18	+1.47	+13.7
Univision	30.00	+3.61	+13.7
HangrOrth	6.85	+7.7	+12.7

Losers

MineSaf	41.16	-5.35	-11.5
Dycom	24.30	-2.65	-9.8
Thor Ind	32.86	-2.74	-7.7
Willbros	19.99	-1.51	-7.0
Frontline s	53.75	-3.91	-6.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.50
3-month	2.70	2.62
2-year	3.58	3.43
10-year	4.38	4.29
30-year	4.72	4.69

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BlueMart	3.89	+1.44	+58.8
DayStar n	7.55	+1.90	+33.6
Phazar	19.33	+3.63	+23.1
EvrgrSlr	7.20	+1.28	+21.6
SunHydr	19.32	+2.93	+17.9

Losers

Interchg n	13.53	-7.16	-34.6
DiscPart	3.50	-1.00	-22.2
CurHlth	3.45	-.91	-20.9
CitzFnCp	8.00	-2.00	-20.0
OmniVisn	17.02	-3.19	-15.8

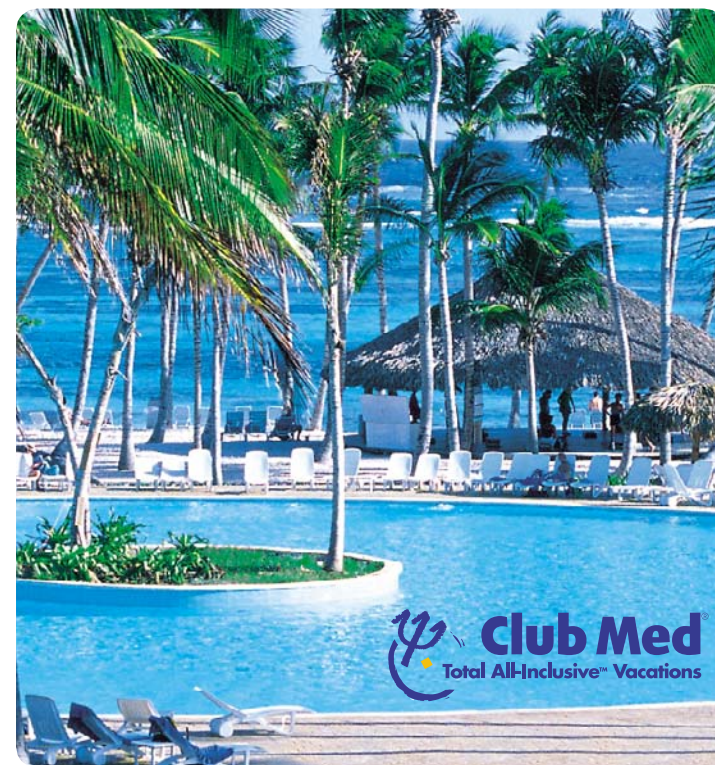
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European Euro	.7586	.7547	.8033
Japanese Yen	104.26	104.47	108.92
Mexican Peso	11.1110	11.1020	10.9620
Taiwanese Dollar	31.02	31.07	33.31

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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+0.59	+0.95	+0.57
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	33.55	+2.7	+2
Comcast	32.88	+4.2	-1.2
Comc sp	32.40	+5.4	-1.3
DirectV	15.02	+0.1	-10.3
Disney	28.48	+5.4	+2.4
Fox Ent	33.37	+0.7	+6.7
Gannett	80.10	+1.35	-2.0
GTelevs	65.15	+7.0	+7.7
LibtyMA	10.07	-.07	-8.3
McGrH	92.34	+4.9	+9
NewsCpA n	16.56	-.08	-11.3
NewsCpB n	17.09	-.12	-11.0
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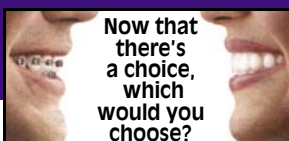
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Local

Ruling Shifts Malvo Case

High Court decision on minors saves sniper from threat of execution

MCLEAN, VA. | For nearly three years, Cheryl Witz has sought answers about the slaying of her father on an Arizona golf course and whether it might be connected to the 2002 killing spree of snipers John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo.

A ruling Tuesday by the U.S. Supreme Court may finally allow her to get some answers.

The court, in a 5-4 decision, banned the execution of those younger than 18 when they committed their crimes. Malvo, now 20,



Lawyers for sniper Lee Boyd Malvo have hinted their client could come clean if the death penalty wasn't an option.

was 17 when he and Muhammad committed their crimes.

Malvo has already been convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole for two of the 10 sniper killings.

Tuesday's ruling means that Malvo can give a full account of his actions without fear of additional punishment. His lawyers have hinted that their client might be willing to come clean if the death penalty were no longer an option.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert, who prosecuted Muhammad and obtained a death sentence, had wanted to do the same against Malvo. But after Tuesday's ruling, Ebert said he will not prosecute the case.

Prosecutors in Montgomery County, where seven of the sniper shootings took place, say they also aren't pursuing plans to try Malvo.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

CAPITOL HILL | WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM



A MOMENT'S PAUSE: Cody the American Bison briefly resists returning to his trailer Tuesday after participating in an event introducing the new buffalo nickel near the Capitol. Holding him is caretaker Valerie Shannon.

Regional Leaders Push For Chesapeake Cleanup

Officials speak out on Capitol Hill against cuts to EPA budget

WASHINGTON | The governors of Virginia and Maryland and the mayor of the District of Columbia paid a visit to Capitol Hill Tuesday in the hopes of keeping the Chesapeake Bay cleanup projects from eroding.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said the trip brings "a whole new energy to the bay fight." She said the short-term challenge will be fighting proposed cuts to the Environmental

Protection Agency's budget.

Maryland and Virginia senators all signed a letter late last year asking President Bush for \$1 billion in federal funding to save the bay. While they all claim publicly that is still the hope, the private meeting was to discuss strategy amid expected cutbacks to last year's funding levels.

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Blue Ribbon Finance Panel released a report last fall saying that \$15 billion in state and federal funding is needed over the next six years to get the Chesapeake off the EPA's endangered list. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

Montgomery Co. Council Approves ICC

ROCKVILLE, MD. | The Montgomery County Council voted Tuesday to back state plans to build the long-proposed Intercounty Connector, an 18-mile highway that would run through the northern section of the county.

In several votes, the council agreed to support a proposal to run a six-lane road along a route that has long been on regional planning maps in the Burtonsville area. The state already owns much of the right of way on that alignment.

"It is a no-brainer that a master plan alignment be adhered to for the ICC," said council member Nancy Floreen.

Gov. Robert Ehrlich has said he wants work to begin on the \$2 billion, 18-mile road linking I-270 in Montgomery County and I-95 in Prince George's by fall of 2006. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, March 1

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Evening DC 4 **6-8-8-4**
Quick Cash **20-15-13-18-11-30**
Hot Five **14-1-8-11-17**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **6-4-6**
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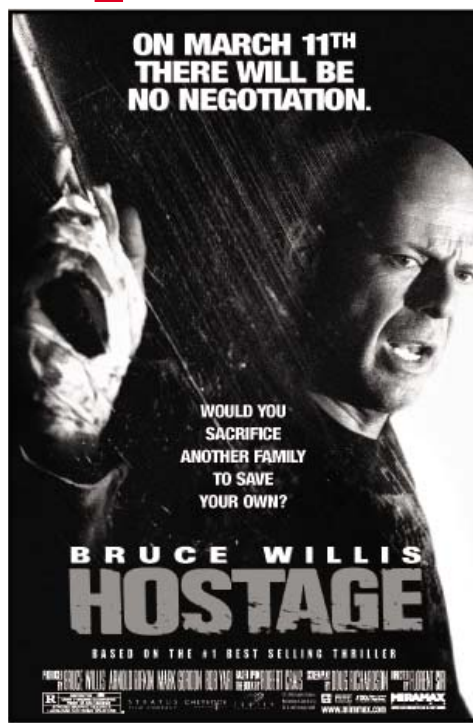
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Evening Pick 4 **6-1-3-3**
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Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.) **5-0-9**
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) **4-7-8**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.) **1-1-3-4**
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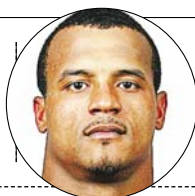
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Sports



BUC WILD? Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Dwight Smith was arrested Tuesday after allegedly pulling a pellet gun on two fans who approached his car while he waited in line at a McDonald's window, authorities in Hillsborough County, Fla., said.

The Nationals' New Beginning

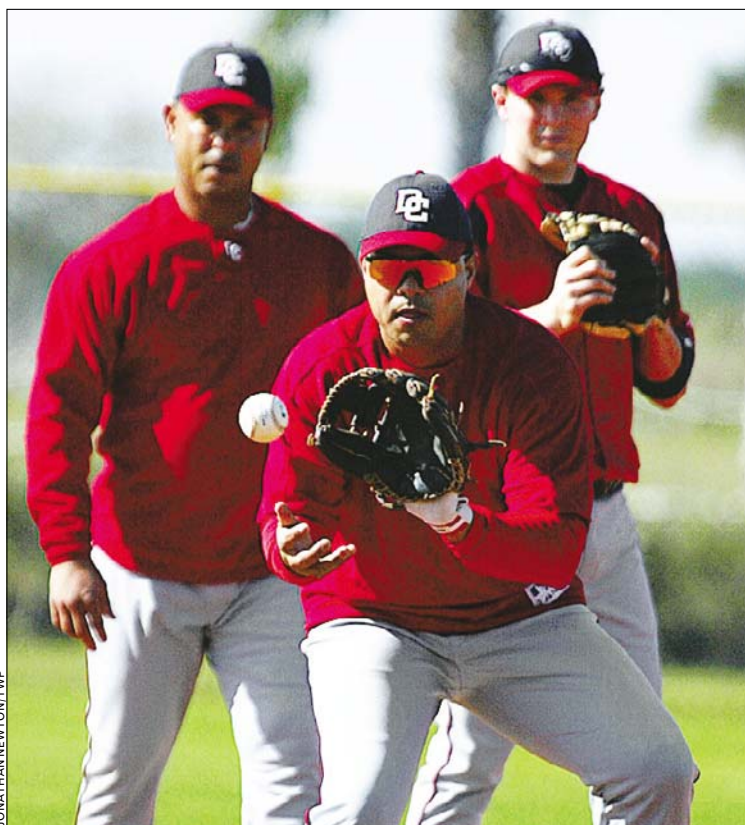
D.C.'s team debuts with exhibition game against the N.Y. Mets

NATIONALS | It's only an exhibition, and it's only spring training, when wins and losses don't count.

Still, for a team that finally is setting down roots, it's a big deal to play a game — any game — with "Nationals" on the jerseys and a curly "W" on the caps.

After so much time in limbo, the Washington Nationals, once the Montreal Expos, open the preseason Wednesday by hosting the New York Mets, giving baseball fans in the nation's capital their first chance to root, root, root for the home team since the Senators left for Texas after the 1971 season.

"It's going to be a very special day, even though it's just spring training," general manager Jim Bowden said Tuesday in his office overlooking the field at Space Coast Stadium, where groundskeepers were mowing grass and raking dirt.



CATCHING ON: Second baseman Jose Vidro fields a ball Tuesday during practice in Viera, Fla., as the Nationals ready for their first game as Washington's team.

After saying earlier he wouldn't play a full complement of regulars, manager Frank Robinson shifted gears a bit and is going Wednesday with a starting lineup that might be the same when the team heads north.

Endy Chavez will lead off and play center field, followed by Cristian Guzman (shortstop), Jose Vidro (second base), Jose Guillen (right field), Brad Wilkerson (left field), Vinny Castilla (third base), Nick Johnson (first base) and Brian Schneider (catcher). The starting pitcher will be Tony Armas Jr., who appeared in a total of just 21 games the past two seasons because of major shoulder surgery.

Only Vidro and Schneider manned the same positions for Montreal on opening day in 2004.

"Frank told me how he wasn't going to start his regulars for the first few days, but, boy, they're all in there tomorrow, at least for the first couple of innings," Bowden said. "And I think that's good, because

it allows the fans in Washington as well as America to see some of our players. A lot of these players are not very well known. They will be in six months."

Last year's Expos didn't do a lot of winning, finishing 29 games out of first place in the NL East. But hope always springs eternal at spring training, and with some new faces and — most importantly — a semblance of normalcy setting in, a better record is widely expected around these parts.

"Everybody wants a home," Wilkerson said. "We bring a lot of energy to the ballpark, and it's going to give us an advantage. Now that that's all behind us, we can bring more and more energy."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

THE START OF AN ERA

Nationals preview: D.C.'s new team prepares for its first outing | [Today's Post, Sports](#)

Game day: Tom Boswell takes questions at 1:30 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](#)

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Hockey Players, League Stage Dueling Meetings

Both sides claim unity; league says hockey will begin season in the fall

HOCKEY | The NHL board of governors made two things quite clear Tuesday: there will be hockey in the fall and commissioner Gary Bettman will still be in charge.

On a day when players regrouped in Toronto and executives from all 30 teams gathered in New York, both sides issued stern declarations that there is unity in the ranks.

Bettman said he plans to invite the players' association back to the bargaining table soon, but wouldn't reveal if he will present a new proposal.

If a deal can't be reached through negotiation, the league plans to explore all options — including



Commissioner Gary Bettman arrives at the NHL's board meeting in New York.

using replacement players next season.

More than 150 of the NHL's 700-plus players met with union leadership, while the governors gathered at the same hotel where Bettman imposed the lockout in September and wiped out the entire season two weeks ago. IRA PODELL (AP)

GOALKEEPER: A soccer ball with a microchip that signals the referee when it crosses the goal line will be tested this year at the under-17 world championship, world soccer regulators said Saturday. A device on the referee would beep or vibrate when signaled.



Sports

Redskins Sign Samuels to Deal

Record \$15.7M bonus keeps tackle on team, frees salary cap room

REDSKINS | This year's big signing for the Washington Redskins at the start of free agency is one of their own: tackle Chris Samuels, who received the largest signing bonus in team history.

Samuels and the team reached an agreement Tuesday night for a multi-year deal that includes a signing bonus of \$15.75 million, according to an official in the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Further details were not immediately available, but the deal solves a pressing need just before the start of free agency at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. Samuels' contract was scheduled to count a whopping \$9.5 million against the salary cap this year, constraining the team's ability to re-sign players and acquire new ones.

Samuels' signing reflects a different attitude for the Redskins entering



Tackle Chris Samuels' deal includes the team's largest-ever signing bonus.

free agency than in past years, when owner Dan Snyder was jetting across the country to make big-splash signings. This year, the team is focused more on re-signing its own players while dealing with disenchantment from a couple of others.

The top free agent priorities are receiver and center, with Baltimore center Casey Rabach expected to be the only courted visitor at Redskins Park on Wednesday. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

Gilbert Buys Cavaliers for \$375M

CLEVELAND | Detroit mortgage magnate Dan Gilbert assumed majority ownership of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday, taking over a once troubled NBA franchise saved by star forward LeBron James.

Gilbert has promised not to move the Cavaliers. The team's lease at Gund Arena runs through 2027.

Gilbert, who turned a \$5,000 investment in the 1980s into an

online banking empire, bought the Cavaliers for \$375 million from Gordon Gund. Gilbert heads a principal ownership group that includes Grammy Award-winning musician Usher; business partner David Katzman; and Gund, who will retain at least a 10-percent stake.

Last year, Gilbert lost in an attempt to buy the Milwaukee Brewers of major league baseball. **(AP)**

Ponson Gets Court Date in Aruba

ORANJESTAD, ARUBA | Baltimore Orioles pitcher Sidney Ponson is expected Thursday in Aruba to face three assault charges for allegedly punching a local judge during an altercation in December.

Ponson will appear Thursday morning in Aruba's courthouse, his lawyer Chris Lejuez said.

The 28-year-old right-hander is accused of committing violence alone or in the company of others in public, kicking a person in the head and battering a person by hitting him in the face with his fist.

Bill Stetka, a spokesman for the

Orioles, said Ponson left spring training in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Tuesday after pitching in the team's intrasquad game.

"We're hopeful that there's a positive resolution to it, and that Sidney can rejoin as early as possible to continue getting ready for the season," Stetka said.

If convicted, Ponson faces a maximum sentence of four years in jail, a fine and community service. **(AP)**



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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (1 p.m. on ESPN) The Washington Nationals make their playing debut during a preseason matchup against the New York Mets in Melbourne, Fla.

NBA (7 p.m. on ComcastSportsNet) The Wizards hope to catch a second wind when they host the Houston Rockets at the MCI Center.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 p.m. on ESPN) Georgia Tech plays its final road game of the regular season against No. 6 Wake Forest in Winston-Salem.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Texas A&M continues its push for its first NCAA playoff birth since 1987 when it takes on No. 8 Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla.

Cars



NEXT CALIBER: Dodge debuted its five-door concept car, Caliber, during a presentation at the Geneva International Motor Show in Switzerland on Tuesday. The car will likely appear in U.S. showrooms in 2006 as a replacement for the Neon.

Neon for Noise Lovers

SRT-4 growls at you like some unfriendly dog

ROAD TEST | The Dodge Neon compact sedan has been around since 1994 — but its younger, sporty SRT-4 version surprises with its boisterous personality. Judging by record sales of more than 8,300 last year, car buyers have been noticing.

Although it's got the body and chassis of a Neon, the SRT-4 is really a different kind of four-door sedan. It bellows loudly, almost like a muscle car, no matter if it's driven in the city or is zipping on the highway.

Unlike the Neon, the SRT-4 only comes with manual 5-speed transmission, and the vehicle's ample power can come on in a rush, if you don't modulate the clutch pedal and shifting. The only constant is a low, muscle-car growl.

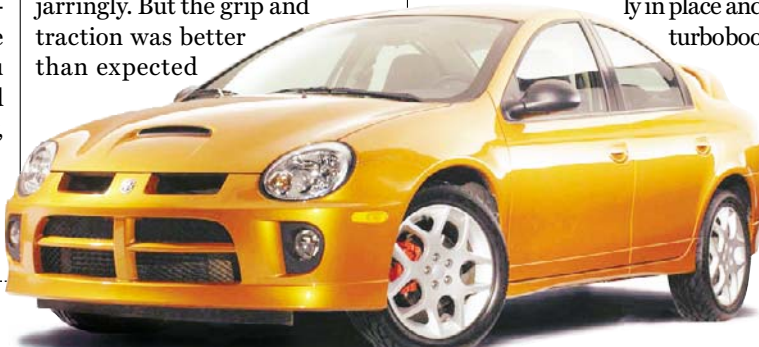
In other words, an SRT-4 driver had best like that sound. And that driver had best like a stiff ride,

PLAYING SPOILER: Lot to like, but there's annoying excess in the rear.

too, because the SRT-4 suspension will give you one. On rough, broken up pavement, you feel every bump jarringly. But the grip and traction was better than expected

in this sporty car.

The SRT-4 interior has formfitting, sport seats that keep you snugly in place and a turboboost



gauge sits prominently on the dashboard. But nothing in the SRT-4 is done up in a particularly ritzy way. The ceiling material, for example, is the old-fashioned fabric. And, if you can believe it, the SRT-4 comes with rear windows that must be manually rolled down.

Annoyingly, some of the view out the SRT-4 rear window is obstructed, thanks to the big spoiler on the trunk lid. Too bad the heavy spoiler also made it awkward to open or close the test car's trunk.

The SRT-4 has a starting manufacturers suggested retail price of \$21,195, which, judging by its sales, seemed a good fit for some buyers. But to enjoy this car, one must first learn to accept its personality quirks.

ANN M. JOB (AP)



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Entertainment

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Latin Love: Juanes

I Slim-hipped king of the Latin Grammys Juanes sings his mighty guitar-driven rock songs to vast crowds of admirers, Spanish- and English-speaking. The meltingly tender love songs, however, are for you and you alone, mi amor.

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Juanes wears one knotted bracelet for every girl's ... heart he's broken.

Strong Dosage: Medications

2 Here's where post-hardcore gets tricky, in the hands of local scene veterans Medications. Having diversified into almost-jazz, near-classical and I-can't-believe-it's-not-fusion, at the end of the day this trio knows the power of a hot rock song.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$7; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

The Visitation: NYCB in D.C.

3 This rare local appearance of the New York City Ballet is part of the Kennedy Center's "The 1940s and the Arts" series, but this venerated troupe could reasonably claim any decade as its peak.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through March 6, tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., \$47-\$112; 467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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The Long Arm of 'Law'

A television franchise launches its fourth edition — ba-bing!

MORE | There was a time when even two seemed like a lot. But "Law & Order" didn't stop there.

Taxing the show-biz adage "If they liked it once, they'll love it twice," NBC went beyond "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" to add a fourth edition, "Law & Order: Trial By Jury." It previews Thursday at 10 p.m. on NBC, with another episode at 10 p.m. on Friday.

"Trial By Jury" stars Bebe Neuwirth, Amy Carlson and Kirk Acevedo, whose character is initially paired with Detective Lennie Briscoe — played, of course, by Jerry Orbach, who died of prostate cancer in December — then teams up with D.A. Investigator Chris Ravell (Scott Cohen). "Law & Order" veteran Fred Dalton Thompson will be a regular here, too.

This latest entry bears an unmistakable family resemblance: The New York setting; the time-and-place title cards and "ba-bing" signature; a solemn mission statement with which each episode begins.

"Law & Order" has always nabbed the bad guy in the first



IS THIS LAW OR ORDER? Grizzled old and cute new faces come together for a new but familiar view of the law at work.

half, then hauled the scoundrel into court. On "Trial By Jury," a comparable symmetry is achieved by tracking the opposing sides as the case unfolds. Each episode crosscuts between the prosecutors and the defense team (made up of guest stars like Annabella Sciorra and Peter Coyote) as each side revs up for the courtroom clash.

On Thursday's episode, will the prosecutors nail a Broadway producer for murdering his actress girlfriend? On Friday, will a wily defense attorney win the jury's sympathy for his severely wounded client — a thug on trial for killing a cop?

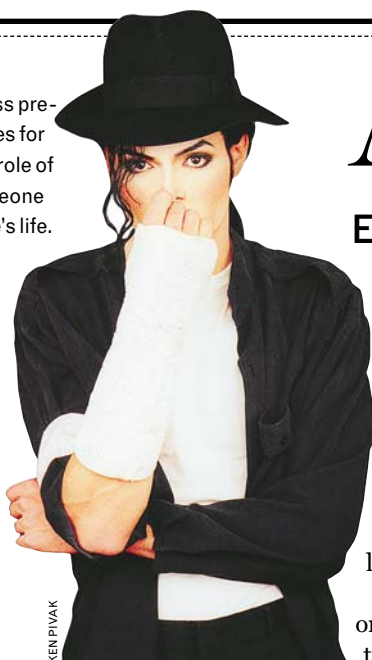
Each case will be decided by hour's end. But a more sweeping

verdict will be rendered in due time by a jury of viewers: Is "Trial By Jury" guilty of being one "Law & Order" too many?

Whatever the risk of hastening viewer fatigue, each new show further enriches the world all the series share. Already, crossover episodes of are in the works for this spring.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

Moss prepares for the role of someone else's life.



KEN PIVAK

An Incredible Simulation

E!'s courtroom drama of the Jackson trial

RE-ENACTING | The start of the Michael Jackson trial also means the start of the Michael Jackson trial, the TV version.

With cameras banned from the courtroom where Jackson is being tried on molestation charges, E! Entertainment Television will re-enact highlights of the previous day.

Studio A at the E! headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard has been turned into a courtroom in which

actors, including Edward Moss as Jackson, will play out about 15 daily minutes of the trial.

The filmed re-enactments will be part of a half-hour E! show that will include trial analysis by three legal experts — Court TV analyst Rikki Klieman; attorney Shawn Chapman Holle; and criminal defense attorney Howard Weitzman. The program's host is James Curtis.

"We're going into this with a very serious attitude," Ted Harbert, pres-

ident and chief executive officer of E! Networks, said.

The sexual nature of the trial and potential graphic testimony could prove difficult for some viewers. The channel will adhere to network broadcast standards in gauging language inappropriate for television, Harbert said.

Trial transcripts are to be emailed to E! by a court reporter at the end of each trial day, with producers deciding on the testimony to be shaped into a script and filmed that evening. LYNN ELBER (AP)

Entertainment

MAY THE HYPE BE WITH YOU: In anticipation of the release of the theatrical trailer of "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" in anticipation of the actual film's release on May 10—(huge gulping breath)—Lucasfilm will air the trailer on TV during the March 10 episode of "The O.C." Geeks, get in line.



A Deer Little Film

DVD | The platinum edition of Disney's deer drama "Bambi" verifies what haunted children know to be true: The scene where Bambi grapples with the loss of his mother is a crusher. But it's also a beautiful moment, occurring in near-silence as a single tear drops from Bambi's eye and immediately mixes in with flakes of falling snow. It's one of many gems in a beloved tale

that unfolds with an old-fashioned, gentle elegance.

The restored visuals are as lovely as a sunny spring day, and plenty of extra features are included in the two-disc package.

For younger viewers, there are several fun games and activities, including a sweet short about real-life deer and skunks. Those who remember "Bambi" from their child-



TWITTERPATION: Bambi and the doe-eyed doe Faline commence their friendship.

hoods will enjoy the documentary "The Making of 'Bambi': A Prince Is Born" and a feature that looks back at the events of 1942.

There is also some unpleasant cross-marketing in the form of a documentary about the upcoming straight-to-DVD release "Bambi and the Great Prince of the Forest"—borderline blasphemy to fans of the original. Fortunately, "Bambi" reminds viewers that Disney got it exquisitely, heartbreakingly right the first time. **JEN CHANEY** (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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GAME OVER: Yeah, yeah, we know about the shooting of a member of 50 Cent's posse outside the radio station, but what's even more intriguing



is what was happening inside — Fiddy was publicly dropping successful signee The Game, left, from his crew, G-Unit, for “disloyalty.”

Entertainment

Divine Retribution

Vocalist Rob Halford takes his rightful place in Judas Priest

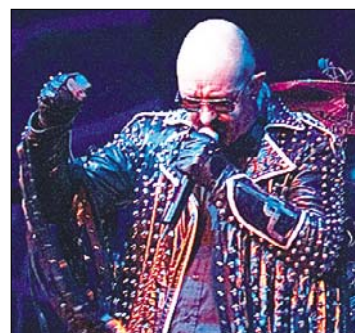
MUSIC | Rob Halford slips back into his old job as lead singer of Judas Priest as seamlessly as a fist in a black leather glove.

On “Angel of Retribution” (Epic), the band’s first album since Halford rejoined the legendary British quintet, Priest seems primed to reclaim its perch as the most dominant band in heavy metal.

Tracks like the powerful opening opus “Judas Rising” and the fist-pumping “Deal With the

Devil” show everyone how the big boys do it, showcasing Glenn Tipton and K.K. Downing’s blistering twin guitar attack to great effect.

The thumping, bottom-heavy “Revolution” stands a decent chance of catching on as a radio hit along the lines of ’80s anthems like “Love Bites” and “Turbo Lover,” while “Worth Fighting For” showcases a musical versatility and melodic side that blends perfectly with Priest’s hell-bent-for-leather



IRON FIST, LEATHER GLOVE: Halford has a way with shrieking Satanic song.

muscularity.

Halford’s return from nearly a decade of self-imposed solo exile seems to have re-energized the band, and while “Angel of Retribution” doesn’t match the band’s 1982 high water mark “Screaming for Vengeance,” it’s still better than 90 percent of the other drek out there passing itself off as heavy metal. Welcome back, Rob; we missed ya!

WAYNE PARRY (AP)



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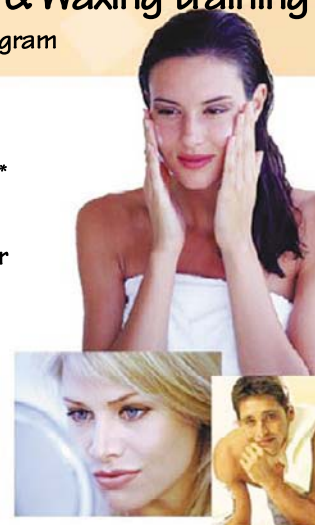
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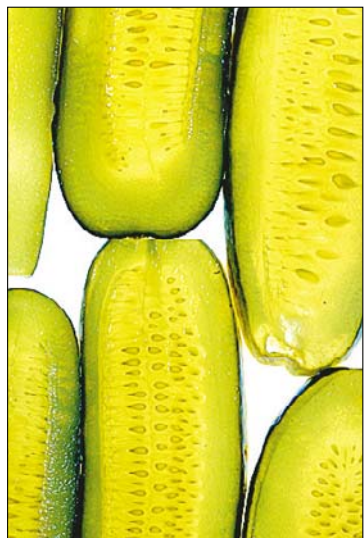
Carb and calorie counters are finding it's time for brine

Ask Dolores Mason, 72, the best way to stay healthy, and she'll tell you to eat a pickle. Mason, who won top prize at the Maryland State Fair for her kosher dills, praises the pickle for its ability to brighten a plate and make you feel better. "There's something in that vinegar that's good for your body," said Mason, who lives in Springfield, W.Va.

Whether or not that's true, pickles seem to be enjoying a resurgence of popularity, boosted by the introduction of new flavors and the recent clamor over low-carb diets.

"We've been way in front of the wave when it comes to pickles being low-carb," said Richard Hentschel, executive president of Pickle Packers International. "Pickles are naturally low in carbohydrates, except for the sweet pickles."

Americans crunch more than 2.5 billion pounds of pickles a year, and more than 67 percent of households eat pickles, according to the association. Nutritionally, the classic dill pickle barely registers on the calorie chart. An average-size dill packs about 5 calories, 0 grams of fat, 0 grams protein and 1 gram of carbohydrate. Some have a scant amount of sugar; sodium content is usually in the 200-milligram range.



SEEING GREEN: Although sweet pickle makers vary it up, dill remains top dog.

"All the discussion on diet has brought new light to the pickle category," said Claussen company spokeswoman Sarah Delea. "As people become more aware of the focus on carbohydrates, they are now finding pickles as a new snack."

Even sweet pickle makers are getting in on the trend, offering pickles made with sugar substitutes to keep calories down. B&G Foods now has sugar-free gherkins, bread-and-butter pickles and relish.

Pickle makers have been experimenting with new flavors as well. "We're seeing that consumers are really excited about the diversity and

are trying new flavors and cuts," said Hentschel, adding that pickles infused with hot peppers and citrus are creating a buzz.

Ralph Sechler & Son makes extra-sweet products such as candied sweet orange pickles, said owner Dave Sechler. They offer 39 varieties of pickles, including lemon, raisin and apple-cinnamon.

Dill remains the most popular flavor sold in the United States. "Grandma or Mom made the dill pickle, and it's the dill that is used on every fast-food hamburger today," Hentschel said.

SUZANNE WHITE (THE BALTIMORE SUN)

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Baggage Check

ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

Prowess Puzzler

I BEGAN DATING A WOMAN a little while ago and things were going great. But just when we were about to make that final leap sexually, my "prowess" faded away completely. This is not the first time and I know it will happen again. It's quite a buzz kill, and I'm worried this woman will say, "To heck with this guy." I have no problem maintaining until it's called upon to do its thing. It's like I'm worried it will happen, so it does. I'm only 28! Is a drug the answer? —EMBARRASSED IN D.C.

Sure, medication might help but, like a good girdle, it will only hide, not solve, the problem. You're in a cycle of performance anxiety, which means the stress response is prohibiting you from doing your thing. It probably started with a simple instance of thinking too much. With repetition, the thoughts grew to be automatic and debilitating. Despite what your buddies might not admit, this is very common.

Seeing a therapist who specializes in sex issues could really help you explore this pattern and, more satisfyingly, learn some cognitive-

behavioral techniques to overcome it. And, of course, you know that if the woman says, "To heck with this guy," she's about as patient and profound as a nest of hornets.

I've gotten colds with flu-like symptoms about four times since winter began. I usually have a great immune system, so I'm worried about what might be wrong. I recently broke up with my boyfriend and suffered a loss in my extended family, plus I have a particularly stressful project at work. I need to know: Could all this be related to my health? —SNIFFLING IN NW

Was "From Justin to Kelly" atrocious? Psychological stress absolutely reduces physical immunity. When your body devotes its energy to emotional traumas, it has fewer resources to pump into warding off illness. You also have to factor in the by-products of a high-stress life: disrupted sleep, less attention to self-care, eating stuff that comes in plastic wrap. These things don't exactly spell prevention.

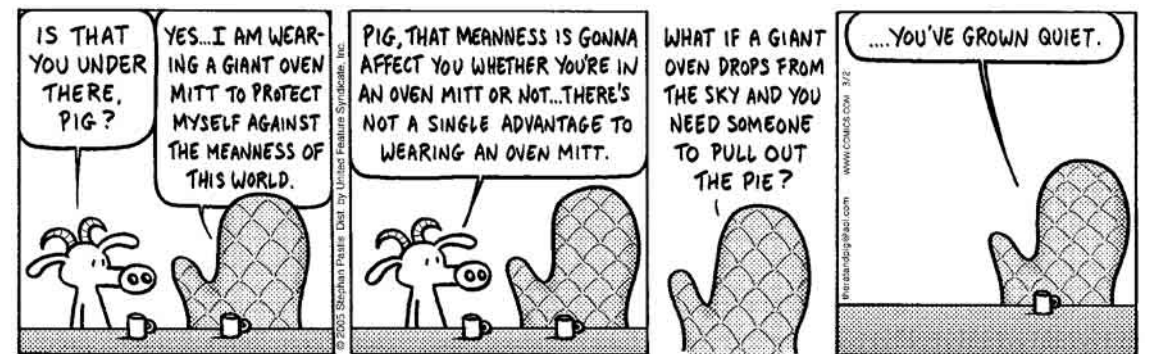
Do what you can to take extra care of yourself these next few weeks. Slow down, reconnect with friends and get lots of color into your diet. When your life settles back down, so too should your coughing.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Blood in the Streets

I WONDER WHAT THE PERSON who wrote in complaining about the picture of the dog with the arrow in its head thought about Tuesday's photo of an Iraqi street awash in blood. It

certainly wasn't something I wanted to see at 6:55 a.m. while waiting at the Metro station.

—JAIME W. SERBIN
Washington, D.C.

Quite a Beetles Collection

TUESDAY'S EYEOPENERS section mentioned 575 beetles found in a breakfast cereal jar. They most like-

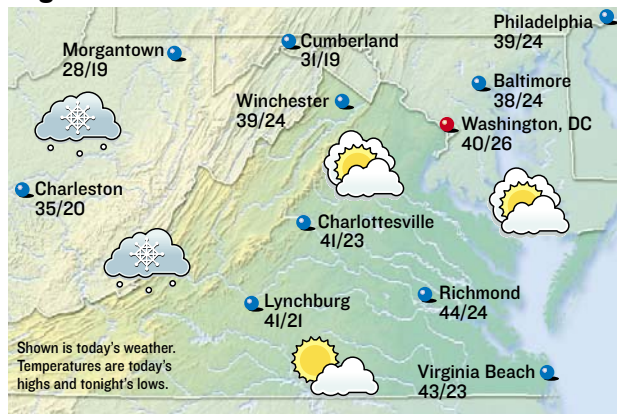
ly were small carpet beetles, family Dermestidae. But the image used was of a large ground beetle, family Carabidae, genus *Pasimachus*, approximately life-size in scale. It's amusing to reflect on how large a cereal jar would be necessary to hold 575 specimens of this beetle.

—GARY F. HEVEL
Washington, D.C.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, cold wind 40°	Mostly cloudy, windy, cold 26°	Mostly sunny, breezy 40° / 24°	Partly sunny 44° / 30°	Rain and snow possible 40° / 30°	Partly sunny 46° / 32°

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Year to date	4.94"
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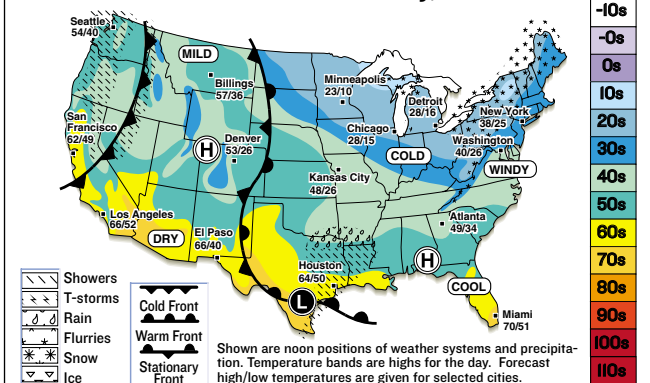
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, windy, cold. High 40. Wind west-northwest 15-30 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy, cold. Low 26.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:39 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonsset today	9:47 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 25

National Weather for Wednesday, March 2



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	49/34/s	50/34/pc
Boston	34/22/sf	30/16/pc
Chicago	28/15/s	34/24/s
Dallas	52/40/r	60/42/pc
Denver	53/26/pc	53/27/pc
Honolulu	80/66/sh	82/66/s
Los Angeles	66/52/sh	68/54/pc
Miami	70/51/s	70/60/r
New York City	38/25/sf	34/22/pc
Orlando	62/42/s	64/50/r
Seattle	54/40/sh	58/44/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	36/31/sn	34/21/pc
Athens	55/47/sh	55/43/pc
Berlin	28/16/sn	27/18/sn
Buenos Aires	79/63/pc	86/66/s
Calgary	52/31/pc	47/26/pc
Dublin	41/28/sh	43/38/pc
Geneva	36/31/pc	39/31/sn
Moscow	13/3/sf	15/8/sn
Rome	44/26/s	48/48/r
Sydney	82/61/c	79/64/c
Tokyo	45/33/pc	44/34/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People

BABY NAMES

The Sins of the Father Are Visited Upon the Son

STELLA MCCARTNEY and her husband have named their infant son.



Miller Alasdhair James Willis was born Friday in London, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces. McCartney, the daughter of Paul McCartney, and her husband, Alasdhair Willis, turned to her family name for their son's third name, *People* magazine said Tuesday. It wasn't clear where the name Miller originated. (AP)

SINNERS

'I'm Culturally Sensitive, Except When I'm Busy'

NATALIE PORTMAN says filming a kissing scene beside Jerusalem's Western Wall for her upcoming movie "Free Zone" was a mistake. "I really don't want to offend anyone's beliefs or impose anything on anyone and it was mistaken to do it," Portman told "Access Hollywood" in an interview broadcast Monday. The 23-year-old Israeli-born actress and her crew were confronted by ultra-Orthodox Jewish worshippers last week while filming the scene with Israeli actor Aki Avni. "As soon as it offended people, we moved," Portman said. "We had a very hectic work schedule, so we weren't thinking. We shouldn't have done it." (AP)



Dark, grainy photography can make even Natalie Portman look guilty as sin. GIL COHEN/MAGEN/REUTERS

MOMENTS

Martin Scorsese Smiling Bravely Was the Least TiVoed

JAMIE FOXX's acceptance speech for his best-actor award was the Oscar moment most replayed by TiVo viewers. Foxx paid tribute to late musician Ray Charles and to Foxx's own grandmother, who he said raised him to be "a Southern gentleman." The second most-popular moment with TiVo digital video recorder customers was the best-picture win by Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby," which captured a total of four awards. The audience analy-



"Wasn't it so funny when he thanked his grandmother? Let's watch it again!"

sis is based on a sample of 10,000 anonymous TiVo households, the company said. It has 3 million subscribers. (AP)

ACCUSING STARES

Heather Is Angry With You

HEATHER MILLS MCCARTNEY and Rick Wakeman of the rock group Yes campaigned Tuesday in Brussels for a ban on cat and dog fur in the European Union. "It's barbaric that this is going on," McCartney said, holding back tears as she showed a fur coat made from 42 Alsatian puppies. The United States and Australia have already instituted bans on the trade, as have EU member nations Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece and Italy. The campaigners want the ban to be extended to all 25 EU nations. (AP)



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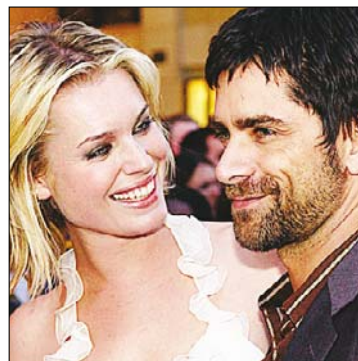
Does This Tactic Ever Work?

A man accused of stalking **MEL GIBSON** will serve as his own lawyer in a trial in which Gibson is expected to appear as a witness. **ZACK SINCLAIR**, who was arrested for allegedly violating an order to stay away from Gibson, announced that he will be representing himself as jury selection began Monday in

Los Angeles County Superior Court. Sinclair was arrested in September



after he allegedly went to the gate of Gibson's Malibu estate repeatedly and asked to pray with the actor. Sinclair was again arrested Oct. 7 after allegedly violating a court order to stay away from Gibson. (AP)



It was over the day Rebecca realized John's stubble was just too ... stubbly. CHRIS WEEKS/AP

ACTIVITIES

Wallow in the Dust of an Officially Failed Marriage

The marriage between **REBECCA ROMIJN** and **JOHN STAMOS** is officially over. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge signed off on the family law judgment Thursday, nearly a year after the couple announced they were separating after five years of marriage. The marriage was officially terminated as of Tuesday, according to the document. The couple have no children. (AP)

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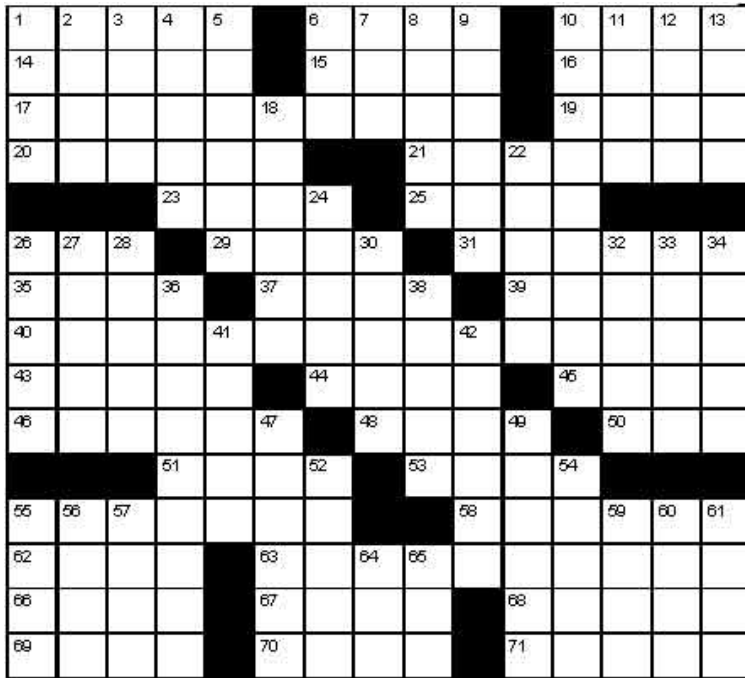
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6 Socialist leader Eugene V.
10 Slender instrument
14 Give or take
15 Burn soother
16 California alternative?
17 Warwickshire sportswear?
19 Nasty shock
20 Pierce Brosnan role
21 Formal acknowledgment of debt?
23 Apartment bldg. employee
25 Rudely abrupt
26 Classic TV's "Mayday" Malone
29 Five-card, for one
31 Made less of a mess
35 Bohr's bailiwick
37 Bird seen in hieroglyphics
39 Dogpatch denizen
40 Steppenwolf hit
43 Show embarrassment
44 He's "the Man"
45 Word with pointy or pigeon
46 Raring to go
48 Stumbling block
50 "___ Miniver"
51 Causing one to pucker
53 It may be thick
- in Houston
55 Woody Allen film
58 New York lake
62 Short-tailed wildcat
63 One who's looking to score
66 Diva's specialty
67 It's said once but heard twice
68 Fighter's goal
69 Where oysters rest?
70 Intellectually acute
71 Four-time Australian Open winner

DOWN

- 1 Elevator cages
2 Touch on one side
3 Private theater area
4 Quick garage jobs
5 Victrola part
6 "Well, lah-di-___!"
7 First name in gins?
8 Type of acid
9 Embark
10 Certain collectible
11 Lift one's spirits
12 Edvard Munch's home
13 Words to an infamous traitor
18 Type of tank
22 Place for a slap
24 Valved instruments
26 Ballroom dance



- 27 To any extent
28 Bump on the slopes
30 Topsoils and silts, e.g.
32 "Going to the dogs," e.g.
33 Get down from here?
34 Some legal documents
36 One of fifty-one in a pageant
38 Extends across
41 Kind of suit or shot
42 Captivate
- 47 "Jeopardy!" host
49 Flip out
52 Delineate
54 Lamp spirit
55 Big hunk
56 Early instrument with strings
57 Geraint's love
59 Part of UPI
60 Manuscript notation
61 Mars, to the Greeks
64 "That's all ___ wrote"
65 Many millennia

Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's time for you to search a little longer and dig a little deeper to lay your hands on what you most need. Don't be hasty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Why are you insisting on being the bad guy and the heavy? There is no reason for you to play anything but a light, positive role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once all the pieces of the puzzle are in place, you can begin to put further plans into motion. Teammates know exactly what to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Though learning and know-how are indispensable, timing and good fortune must not be overlooked. They will play pivotal roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may take more time and effort to explain what you want done than it will to do it all yourself despite the physical hardship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared to take on more than expected; you may not be able to delegate as you had planned. Keep things orderly and on schedule.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You should be able to take more than usual, in the way of emotional or physical burdens. Work can provide a suitable outlet in many ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's a good idea to keep track of all details, sorting through random memories to maintain a

greater understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The chances for something important happening to you or because of you at the workplace are greater than expected. Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It is important for you to assess your own strengths and weaknesses honestly and accurately. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others may be looking to you for precisely the kind of support and guidance you feel you need. Fortunately, however, you can give it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The best thing for you is the obvious thing; now is no time to make things tricky or difficult for no good reason. Make easy choices.

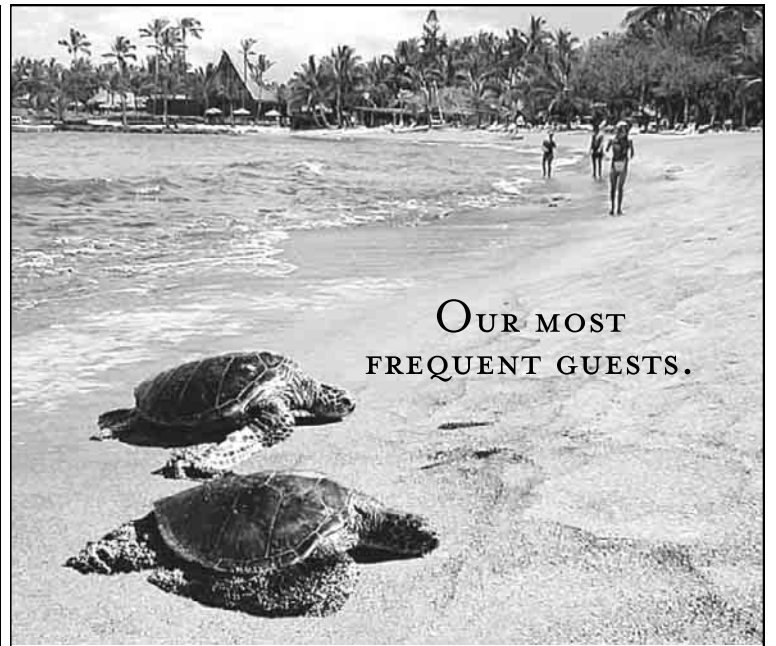
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